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NAVY LAKEHURST HOLDS CEREMONY FOR INCOMING COMMANDING OFFICER

Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst, New Jersey—Captain Dwight Cousins will assume command of the Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst in a change-of-command ceremony, Friday, June 29, 2001 at 10 am. Cousins, who will be the 48th commanding officer of the base, will relieve Captain Stephen Himes.

Guest speaker will be Vice Admiral Joseph Dyer, commander of the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR), Patuxent River, MD., Lakehurst's parent headquarters. The NAVAIR team consists of 30,000 employees at eight sites with a \$16 billion-dollar budget.

The time-honored, traditional ceremony is one which encompasses the pageantry of over hundred years of naval heritage. The U.S. Navy provides for all personnel to witness the reading of orders of the departing and incoming commanding officer. It signifies the passing of responsibilities, rights and burdens between two naval officers who have trained so long to reach one apex of their careers...command of a naval installation.

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